

Descendants of William James Jordan and Elizabeth Cesarine Pickering

**1 William James JORDAN #425, b. c.1833 Brighton, Sussex, England
+ Elizabeth Cesarine Pickering #1301, b. 15 Oct 1833 Rouen, France
m. 27 Sep 1853 Southwark, south London, England**

The 1861 census lists William Jordan as being born in Brighton probably around 1833. He was employed at Woolwich Arsenal and there are two records of him dated 23 August and 3 Nov 1847 being appointed as a labourer in the Royal Laboratory department (*The Royal Arsenal* by O. F. G. Hogg, OUP 1963, vol. 2, pp. 1242-3 - Appendix viii from records of Ordinance Office at PRO). His occupation is listed in various other sources at later periods as follows: 1853 clerk; 1861 Timekeeper Royal Arsenal; 1882 Artist

On his marriage to Elizabeth Cesarine Pickering on the 27th September 1853 he was living in St Johns Parish, Southwark, London working as a clerk. The witnesses for the marriage were Thomas Pickering and a Mary Janet Jones.

By 1861 the the census lists the family living at 17 Percy Terrace, Plumstead. William is listed with his wife Elizabeth, a son William aged six who was born at Dartford, Frederick aged one born at Woolwich and a daughter Annie aged 3 months also born in Woolwich.

On the census of 1881 William is not listed with Elizabeth and she appears with her son Francis and another daughter Eliz. On the marriage certificates of his sons William Henry in 1879 and of Francis to Sarah Ann Wood in 1882 he was listed as "artist". By 1891 Elizabeth Jordan is listed as a widow so William must have died sometime between 1882 and 1891. (Note by Karen Cliff, née Hoyle, great-grand-daughter of Francis Jordan and Sarah Ann Wood)

Elizabeth (née Pickering):

Born Rouen, France, 15 October 1833 (French birth details/archives). Both her parents were British but living in France at the time of their marriage which took place at the British Embassy in Paris 18 May 1830 (William Pickering age 37, born Bolton, Lancs, England, fondeur [metal foundry worker] married Ann Bettley). They must have spent a considerable time in France as Elizabeth was born three years after the marriage.

It is not known when Elizabeth or the family moved back to England but by the time she was twenty she was in England for her marriage to William Jordan. She is listed as a British Subject on the census and does not appear to have had any occupation until 1891 when she is listed on the census as a widow aged 55 (head of household) living at 6 Glenside Road, Plumstead.

**2 William Henry JORDAN #1325, b. 3 Sep 1854 Deptford, SE London
+ Caroline Millis #1326 b. c.1856/8 St. Leonards, Sussex,
m. 1 Mar 1879 Preston, Brighton.**

Marriage certificate: William Henry Jordan,(machinist, 24), Caroline Millis (22),

1 Mar 1879 St Peters Church, Preston, Brighton, Sussex.

Their fathers: William James Jordan, (artist) and Henry Millis (Fly Driver).

Witnesses: W Searles and A Smith.

Eight children:

3 Howard Jordan #1327

3 Ada Elizabeth Jordan #1328 b. c. 1880 St Leonards, Sussex

3 Albert H. Jordan #1329 b. c. 1881 St. Leonards, Sussex

3 Thomas William Jordan #1330 b. c. 1883 Plumstead, SE London

3 John Jack Jordan #1331 b. 1886 Plumstead, SE London

3 William Jordan #1332 b. 1888 Plumstead, SE London

d. 26 April 1916 Kemmel, Belgium

3 Horace Jordan #1333 b. 1890 Plumstead, SE London

3 Tralia Jordan #1334 b. 5 April 1896 Plumstead, d. 26 Apr 1980 Plumstead, SE London
+ m. Frederick Clothier #1335 m. 14 August 1916 Woolwich, SE London
b. 5 April 1896 Plumstead, SE London d. 26 April 1951

Three children were born to Tralia and Frederick Clothier, all having descendants. Details of those three children and their descendants are not placed on the 'Dynamic Family Tree' as information is incomplete. However there is some very provisional information on those three (4th generation) children (Tralia Clothier; Robert Clothier; Doreen Clothier) and their children as follows:

4 Tralia Violet Clothier, b. 04 June 1922 Plumstead, London, England, d. 25 April 1988 Plumstead, London, England
+ Benjamin Edward4 Selby, b. 02 January 1919 Tynemouth, m. Seaton, Devon, England

5 (--?--) Selby
+ m. (--?--)5 Prizeman
6 (--?--) Prizeman
6 (--?--) Prizeman

4 Robert Dugdale Clothier
4 Doreen Clothier, b. 29 March 1926
+ m. Malcolm4 Goddard, b. ?, m. 30 July 1951
5 (--?--) Goddard
5 (--?--) Church

2 Frederick JORDAN #318 b. 5 Dec 1859? Plumstead, SE London, England
d. 15 Dec 1944 Los Angeles, California, USA
+ Elizabeth WOOD #170, b. Apr-Jun 1861 Lydd, Kent, England
d. 28 Nov 1925 Los Angeles, California, USA
[daughter of Thomas Wood #164 and Elizabeth Duff Butchers #165]
married 1 Aug 1881 St John Church, Margate, Thanet, Kent, England.

Presumably it is his (Frederick's) birth registered at Lewisham, Jan-Mar 1860, vol. 1d., p. 691. He was listed as age 1 at census held on 6 April 1861. However, the registration record of his death in California in December 1944 gives his date of birth as 5 Dec 1860. Thus it may be that he was born 5 Dec 1859 but 5 Dec might alternatively be the day he was christened in 1860.

In 1881 census his occupation given as Bricklayer, while at time of census of 1901 was listed as Steam Stoker when living with wife and daughter Ada at 7 Armstrong Street, Plumstead, SE London. (1901 Census RG13/571, f.8).

In April, 1911, along with his son Frederick and son-in-law Herbert J. Jerram emigrated to America on SS *Pomeranien*. Family accounts surviving in California are that they arrived in Canada, worked their way west on the Trans-Canada Railroad, and then moved south down the Pacific coast of the USA. Wives and children followed twelve months later. On the documentation of the arrival at Ellis Island of his wife and two daughters on the ship SS *Lapland* on 15 April 1912 it is stated they would be joining himself and Herbert Jerram at 2615 North Broadway, Los Angeles. Frederick lived with Elizabeth at their home (as home owner, not rental) at 561 East Avenue Los Angeles, his occupation at the time of the census in January 1920 being "Helper Railroad". After Elizabeth died in 1925 he lived with his daughter Ada and son-in-law Arthur Partridge at 5322 Busharan[?] Street, Los Angeles (Census of April 1930)

Elizabeth née WOOD:

Birth Certificate Romney Marsh, April-June 1861. Vol. 2a, p. 765

Christened at All Saints Church, Lydd, 21 July 1861 Shortly before she married on 1 August 1881 she was listed in census four months before as 'general servant' at house of Louisis Doerr, MA, at Hougham, Kent. Married on 1 August 1881 at St John, Thanet, Kent, her address given as 50 Marine Terrace, Margate, and her sister Sarah Ann Wood was a witness.

Julia Wood when writing in mid 1880s from Lydd to Thomas in South Australia said 'Elizabeth has 2 children'. At Census of 1901 (RG13/571, f. 8 (page 7 Schedule No. 60) was living with husband and daughter Ada (age 15) at 7 Armstrong Street, Plumstead, SE London.

Emigrated to Los Angeles, California, with daughters and grandchildren in 1912: SS *Lapland* arrived Ellis

Island, New York, 15 April 1912. One of the interesting piece of data recorded in this Ship's Manifest is that it gives physical information about Elizabeth Jordan, née Wood which we do not have for any other of the 15 children born on the Romney Marsh in the second half of the 19th century (although photos of 4 of them) - Elizabeth was "5 feet 4 inches, fair complexion dark hair and brown eyes", The manifest of SS *Lapland* (available online at www.Ellisisland.org) lists arrival of Alfred Partridge, age 27; [E.] Cicerini Jerram, age 20; Ivy Jerram, age 4; Violet Jerram, age 11 months; Elizabeth Jordan, age 51; Katherine Jordan age 23 "Daughter-in-law" [= Frederick junior's wife]; Ivy [= Kittie] Jordan, age 11 months "Grandchild" [= daughter of the above Katherine]; Ada Jordan, age 26, "daughter" [married Arthur Partridge].

- 3 Elizabeth Cesarine Jordan #1324 b. 15 Oct 1881 Plumstead, SE London, England, d. 24 Nov 1960 Los Angeles, California, USA
- + Herbert John Jerram #1425, b. 4 Oct 1880 Woolwich, SE London, England m. 24 Aug 1904 England d. 13 Sep 1963 Los Angeles, California

Elizabeth Cesarine (née Jordan) with husband Herbert John Jerram and their eldest children Ivy and Violet (who had been born in England), became naturalized American in 1916. They lived at 1610 East 50th Street, Los Angeles. At census of 1920 husband recorded as John, but 1930 census listed as Herbert J. and his son of same name listed in turn simply as John (which probably continued as his preference within the family).

- 4 Ivy Elizabeth Jerram, b. 1907/8 England, d. 1995 Mariposa, California, USA
 - + Glen Leroy (4) RICE, m. 19 March 1927, Los Angeles, California, USA
- At census of 1930 Ivy and Glen lived with their (at that time) two children at 1610a East 50th Street, Los Angeles - 1610, it should be noted, was her parent's address, although it must have been only shortly after that census of 1930 that the Jerrams moved to 305 Pine Street, Montebello, CA.

- 5 Christina Elizabeth Rice, b. 28 August 1928 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 5 Violet Jean Rice, b. 17 October 1929 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 5 Glenn Herbert Rice, b. 29 Sept 1936 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 4 Violet Jerram b. 10 Jan 1911 England, d. 7 May 1955 Kern, California, USA
- + _____ (4) Bickley, m. circa 1933, California, USA
- 5 Sandra Joyce Bickley, b. 26 January 1935
- 5 Linda Lee Bickley, b. 8 August 1941 Los Angeles, California, USA
- + Irvin A. (5) Mann, m. 2 April 1976 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 4 Grace E. Jerram, b. 24 Nov 1914 Los Angeles, California, USA
- 4 Herbert J. Jerram, b. 29 Jun 1918 Los Angeles, California, USA d. 20 Feb 2004 California
- + Margaret (4) Krueger, m. Sept 1944, California, USA
- 5 [Four children Jonelle; Richard; Valerie; Susan; and stepdaughter Barbara] b. California, USA
- 4 Richard Fredrick Jerram, b. 20 Sep 1926 Los Angeles, California, USA

71	1610 327 329	Elizabeth	Wife	10 1881	10 15	51	1916	1920	1930
72		Grace E	Daughter	11 1914	11 24	15	1916	1920	1930
73		Herbert J	Daughter	11 1918	11 29	12	1916	1920	1930
74		Herbert J	Son	11 1918	11 29	12	1916	1920	1930

Elizabeth Cesarine Jordan's Jerram family lived at 1610 East 50th Street, Los Angeles (Census of 1920 and 1930). [Herbert] John's occupation was Foreman of Machine Shop in 1920 and at the next census 10 years later Proprietor Automobile Service Station

Line	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Country	Language	Place of Birth	Parents	Address
6	Patridge	Alfred	27	M	England	English	England	Plumstead	Father Philip Latridge Mother Beonrice
7	Jerram	Ricini	30	M	England	English	England	London	Stone
8	"	Loy	4	F	None	no	"	"	"
9	"	Tholt	11	F	None	no	"	"	"
10	Jordan	Elizabeth	51	F	England	English	England	London	Wife of aunt
11	"	Katherine	25	F	England	English	England	London	Mr. Rastoffe 125 Strand
12	"	Loy	11	F	None	no	"	"	Sherry Lane Road London
13	"	Ada	26	F	England	English	England	London	"
14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

Line	Name	Age	Sex	Profession	Country	Language	Place of Birth	Parents	Address
6	Herb	31	M	None	England	English	England	London	London
7	Herb	31	M	None	England	English	England	London	London
8	S. father	39	M	None	England	English	England	London	London
9	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
10	herb	31	M	None	England	English	England	London	London
11	S. father	39	M	None	England	English	England	London	London
12	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
13	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
14	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

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How did it come about that Elizabeth and Frederick Jordan emigrated to California to establish the above substantial branch of the family there? There is no contemporary documentary source but we can be grateful for the following story passed on in January 2005 by Barbara Fullwood, step-daughter of their grandson Herbert J. Jerram, junior:

The story of why they all emigrated is this:

Herb Jerram worked at the Woolwich Arsenal for one shilling a day. Until he was 31 years old. One day in late 1910 or early 1911, the British Royal Navy found a German mine floating in the English Channel. They managed to retrieve it without exploding it. They brought it to the Arsenal and asked them to find someone to dis-assemble it so they could discover how it worked. My Grandpa was regarded as the best mechanic they had and asked if he would volunteer. He did. They first constructed a sturdy brick building in the middle of courtyard, so if it exploded he would be the only one killed. He went in there and proceeded to do the job. He said it was the most frightened he had ever been in his life. But he succeeded. And he thought at the end of the week there would be perhaps a weeks bonus in his pay envelop. They gave him one extra shilling. He said if that's all they think my life is worth.....f___ them! And he left and never went back. I assume that the two Frederick Jordans (father-in-law and brother-in-law), all decided to emigrate with him over this incident.

WoodLooker editorial note by RDW:

Considerable data is provided in the appendices to volume 2 of the authoritative work by Brigadier Hogg on *The Royal Arsenal* (OUP 1963), from which it would appear that six shillings a week would be a remarkably low wage for a skilled man age 31. Maybe Herbert Jerram was recalling the wage he had first received as a boy labourer or apprentice? The several departments of the Woolwich Arsenal covered a huge area of 1208 acres along that south side of the Thames, at that time with around 13,500 employees. Wages for the specific year of 1911 are not provided by Hogg but in the year of 1913-14 immediately before the outbreak of WW1 the average wage in the ordinance factory was £94 per annum (Hogg, p. 1008) ie 36 shillings per week. Hogg also records (p. 943) that in 1913 "an extra 5s. a week was given to men working in the magazine area whose wages did not exceed 27s a week". There is no doubt that several generations of Jordans and Jerrams worked at the Woolwich Arsenal, which can hardly be considered (except by Presidents and Prime Ministers) to be the most desirable of jobs. 1910-1912 was a hard time for the working man bringing considerable industrial unrest in general in England, even though current distress was recognised in 1911 by the Liberal government in establishing their pioneering National Insurance [social benefits]. No matter what the immediate stimulus for Herbert Jerram and his Jordan in-laws to leave the Woolwich area, it was not only an unsurprising moment but also a good time to go to California.

2 Francis JORDAN #319 b. 22 Jul 1861 Plumstead, England d. Sept 1926 SE London, England
+ Sarah Ann WOOD #171 b. 1863 Lydd, Kent, d. 21 Apr 1916 south east London
[daughter of Thomas Wood #164 and Elizabeth Duff Butchers #165]
m. 8 Apr 1882 St Nicholas Church, Plumstead, Kent

Birth on 22 July 1861 at 17 Percy Terrace, Plumstead, registered in Plumstead and Charlton sub-district of Lewisham Registration District.

At the time of the census of 1901 (when he and family were living in East Ham, after moving there from Plumstead) his occupation was recorded as Gas Fitter. His 18 year old son Francis was listed in 1901 as Machinist Fitter, and 16-year old Thomas and 15-year old Walter as General Labourers.

Francis married again (to Mary Ann Barker - Marriage Certificate Woolwich July-Sept 1917) only one year after Sarah Ann's death in 1916. Their son Frederick told his daughter Pamela Jordan (an account recorded by her daughter Karen Hoyle) that the family were deeply upset when Francis remarried as they all loved their mother dearly. Frederick Jordan never spoke to his father again. Francis did not leave any of his possessions to his children but in his will left everything to his second wife Mary Ann Jordan, née Barker.

Sarah Ann [née WOOD]:

Christened All Saints Church Lydd, 18 Oct 1863. Known as Annie.

At Census of 1881 (ie the year before she married) is listed as with occupation of 'general servant' , while visitor at house of Joseph Hill, Blacksmith, in Dolphin Lane, Dover. She witnessed the marriage of Frederick Jordan and her sister Elizabeth Wood on 1 August 1881 at St John, Thanet, Kent. The following year (8 April 1882 at Plumstead) she married Francis, brother of her sister's husband.

At Census of 1901 (RG13/1607, f.31 (page 53, schedule No. 338)) was living with husband and nine children at 10 Glenister Street, East Ham (Borough of Romford) Essex [ie east London]. However from the evidence of the places of birth of those children, had lived in Plumstead (as did her older sister Elizabeth who was married to Frederick Jordan, her husband's brother) since marriage, and could not have been at East Ham before 1898 at earliest. Buried at Charlton cemetery, south-east London.

3 Francis Henry Jordan #320 b. 1883 Plumstead, SE London

+ [married circa 1904-5, name of wife not known]

4. Francis Thomas Jordan, b. 4 May 1906, Plumstead, d. 10 September 1960

+ Julia Lucy Thompson, b. 24 Feb 1903, Plumstead, d. 1983, Herne Bay, Kent,
married 5 Aug 1929, Woolwich, SE London, England.

5 Eric Alan Jordan, b. 4 Oct 1930 Woolwich, SE London

5 Jean Mary Jordan, b. 1933 Woolwich

5 Grace Frances Jordan, b. 1935 Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England

+ Morris Keith.(5) Richard, m. 8 August 1964

5 Sheila Jordan, (twin of Cyril) b. 1937 Doncaster

+ George (5) Hodgkins, m. 20 February 1970

5 Cyril Jordan, (twin of Sheila) b. 1937 Doncaster

5 Hope Kathleen Jordan, b. 1940 Woolwich, SE London

+ George Brian (5) Reader, m. 29 March 1961

5 Peter Francis Jordan, b. 1943 Woolwich, SE London

3 Thomas Jordan #321 b. 1884 Plumstead, SE London

3 Walter Jordan #322 b. 1885-1886 Plumstead, SE London

3 Maud Jordan #323 b. 1887 Plumstead, SE London

3 Charles Denis Jordan #327, b. 1890 Plumstead, SE London, d. Jan-Mar 1941 Rochford, Essex

+ Annie Foster #427, m. 4 June 1911 Victoria Docks, West Ham, Essex, b. 29 Nov 1890

4 Lena Jordan #429, b. circa 1915 West Ham, E. London, England

+ Arch Moulding, m. England

4 Amy Jordan #431, b. circa 1917 West Ham, E. London, England

- + Robert Blundell, m. England (no children)
- 4 Anne Kathleen Jordan #428, b. 26 Jan 1920, d. 27 July 1924 West Ham, E. London, England
- 4 Ethel Ada Jordan #433, b. 26 Apr 1923 West Ham, E. London, England
- + Charles Galbally. m. England
- 4 Millicent Ellen Jordan #432, b. 23 Nov 1925 West Ham, E. London, d. 19 June 1989, England
- + Robert Edward Keller #1460, m. 12 July 1945, b. 18 Apr 1923, d. 14 March 1983 England
- 5 [female] Keller, b. circa 1946-1952 England
- 5 Sandra Anne Keller, b. 9 Sep 1954 England
- + Terence Richard Palmer, m. 6 Oct 1973, b. 29 May 1951 England
- 6 Jonathan Richard Palmer, b. 19 Oct 1979 England
- 6 Lucy Palmer, b. 26 Nov 1981 England
- 4 Leonard Howard Jordan #430, b. circa 1928-30 West Ham, E. London, d. 2003 England
- + Doreen Harvey #434, m. 11 Jan 1955, b. 7 Sept 1933 England
- 5 Steven Leonard Jordan #435, b. 26 March 1956 England
- 5 Keith David Jordan #436, b. 18 March 1958 England
- 5 Jeffrey Jordan #437, b. 30 Oct 1960 England

3. Leonard Alexander Jordan #324 b. 7 August 1891 Plumstead, SE London, d. 11 Feb 1966
 + Lilian Florence Hurry #1452, m. 25 Dec 1914 Plumstead, SE London

b. 17 March 1892, d. July 1941 Eltham, SE London

Leonard: born 7 August 1891 at 4 Thomas Street, Plumstead, SE London.

Married Lily Hurry at St James Church Plumstead, his address at marriage being 12 Woodland Terrace, Charlton. After the wedding the couple then continued to live at her old home with her parents at 33 St James Place, Plumstead.

Leonard worked as instrument maker for a number of firms in the Woolwich area, the last being Siemens.

Lilian was born 17 March 1892 daughter of William Hurry and Rebecca Prescott.

Lily was never strong and in later life became an invalid. She and Leonard spent the whole of their married life living with her parents, first at 33 St James Place, Plumstead, later at Dixon Road, Eltham. Three years after Lily died, Leonard married again - to Florence Birch, who was a friend of one of Lily's sisters.

(Note contributed by Leonard's granddaughter Lesley Freeman, née Christian).

4. Dorothy Lilian Rebecca Jordan #1454, b. 19 Oct 1915 SE London, d. 30 March 2004
 + Ralph Christian #1455 m. 29 July 1939, d. 20 May 1972 England
- 5. Lesley Diane Christian #1456, b. 1941 Woolwich, SE London, England
 - + m. Michael Freeman #1458, m. England
 - 5. Susan Valerie Christian #1457, b. 1946 Widnes, Cheshire [Merseyside], England
 - + m. John O'Sullivan, m. England

- + Florence Ellen (3) Birch #1453, married 10 June 1944 England
 (Leonard Jordan's second wife - no children)

3 Annie Jordan #325, b. 1896 Plumstead, SE London

3 Frederick George Jordan #326, b. 19 June 1897 Plumstead, SE London,
 d. 9 November 1953 Standish, Lancashire

- + m. Elizabeth Sadler #1357, b. 1891 Cuckfield, Sussex [Father John Bishop Sadler,
 Mother Mary Stagg], d. 1973 Ashton in Makefield, Lancashire

Frederick told his daughter Pamela Jordan that the family were deeply upset when his father (Francis) remarried as they all loved their mother dearly. Frederick Jordan never spoke to his father again. He was a Tool Setter, worked at Woolwich Royal Arsenal in the munitions

department but was moved to Wigan in Lancashire with his family during the Second World War. The family were not well off but they stayed in the Wigan area after the war ended. He told his daughter Pamela that she would be surprised if she knew more about her family background but never told her what it was.

(Note by Karen Cliff, née Hoyle, grand-daughter of Frederick)

4 Pamela Doreen Jordan #1358

+ m. Roy Hoyle #1423, b. 24 Apr 1931 Standish, Lancashire

5 Karen Hoyle #1424

4 Rita Jordan #1422

3 Alexander Jordan #1300 b. March 1901 East Ham, Essex [east London]

Alexander Jordan was recorded as aged 2 weeks at the census taken on 31 March 1901 when the family were living at 10 Glenister Street, East Ham in east London (RG13/1607, f. 31). All of his older brothers and sisters were listed as born at Plumstead, SE London so the family can not have been at East Ham for very long, certainly not more than two or three years by 1901.



Photograph on previous page by courtesy of Steven Jordan, a great-grandson of Sarah Ann and Francis Jordan

This photograph shows Elizabeth Wood on left with husband Frederick Jordan, and Sarah Ann Wood (sitting) with her husband Francis Jordan. No names or date appear on the photograph, the identification of the couples is that passed on verbally to Steven Jordan by his father (Leonard Jordan, grandson of Francis and Sarah Ann).

As the couples are obviously middle aged this would indicate that it could have been taken shortly before Frederick emigrated to California in 1911 (with Elizabeth following a year later). This photograph does not show the happiest of couples. Sarah Ann can hardly have had a particularly happy life afterwards, for she died in 1916 only five or six years after the above photograph was taken.

But it was a good time for Elizabeth and her children and grandchildren to leave England with the coming war - the social consequences often still not fully recognized. Indeed the photograph below (*by courtesy of Glenn Rice, great-grandson of Elizabeth and Frederick*) of Elizabeth and her daughter Elizabeth Cesarine Jerram in Los Angeles around 1920-1924 shows a very much more relaxed Elizabeth.

More photographs in California with text by Glenn Rice are available as an album on its own webpage of the WoodLooker private website or as another PDF file:
[GlenRiceAlbum.pdf](#)

